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Harm Reduction & Overdose Prevention



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HARM REDUCTION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: LINKING MANDATES & RESOURCES

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This meeting is taking place on the unceded, ancestral, and occupied lands of the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations.



WHY WE ARE HERE

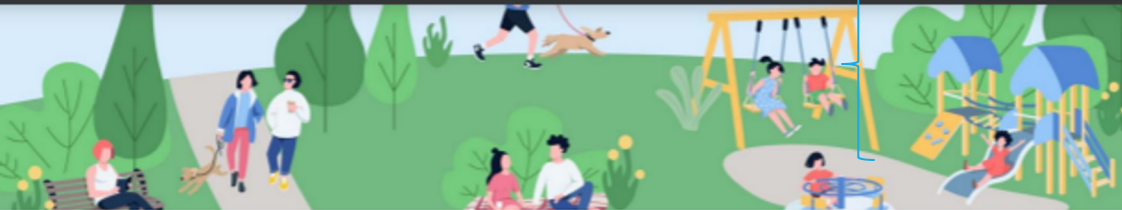
Framing the Overdose Crisis in BC

- 84% of illicit drug toxicity deaths occur inside
- 56% in **private residences**; 27% in other residences (ie. supportive housing, single room occupancy dwellings)
- Primarily people who are housed & employed impacted

(BC Coroners Service, June 2022)

Principles of Harm Reduction

- Pragmatism
- Human rights
- Focus on reducing harms
- Quality of life for individual and community well being
- Diverse options
- Meet people where they are at
- Nothing about us without us



Healthy Social Environments

10 Neighborhood Features, including:

- Housing
- Service Environments
- Local Economies
- Transportation
- Civic Engagement
- Arts & Culture
- Neighborhood Design



Strengthening Community Wellness by Applying Harm Reduction:

Housing

- Better homelessness initiatives & shelters

Service Environments

- Access to SafeSupply & other services
- Bylaw training

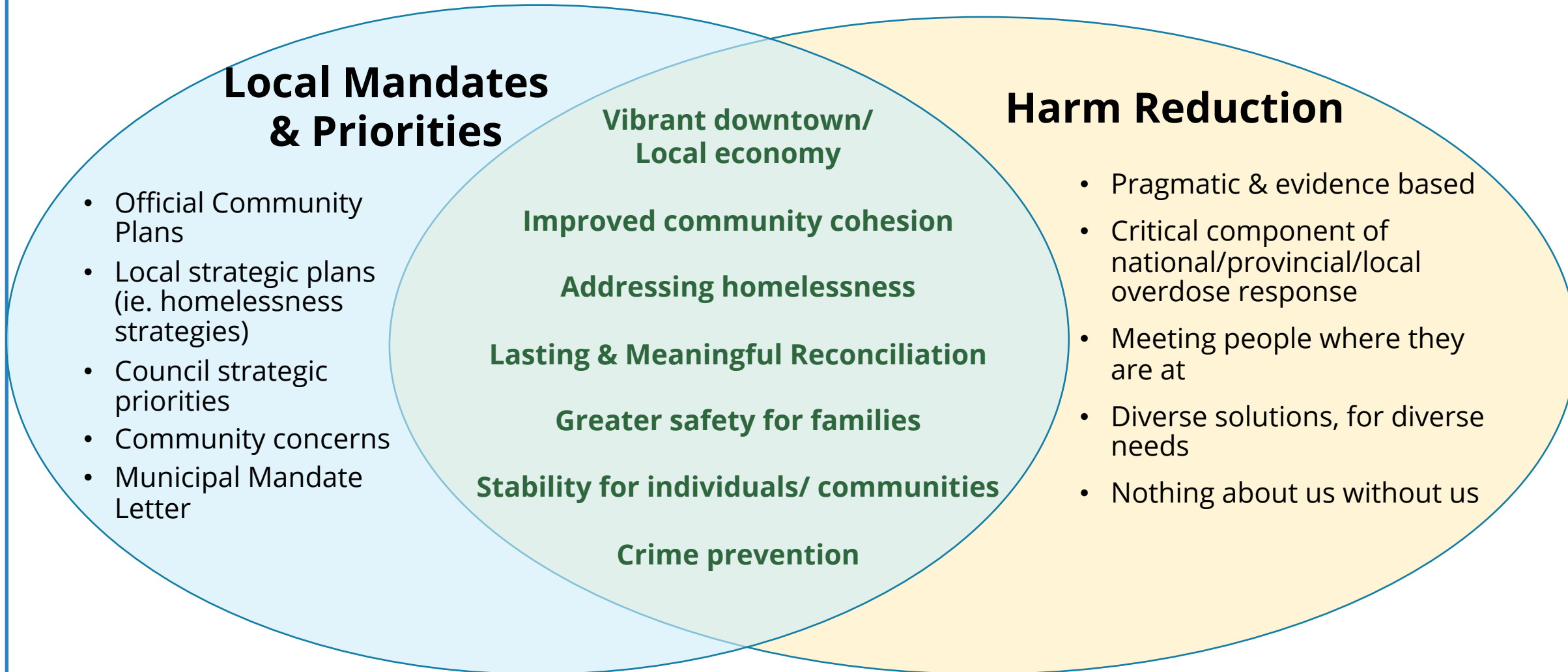
Local Economies

- Low-barrier employment – PEOPLE Program
- Addressing petty crime
- Grant opportunities

Civic Engagement

- Anti-Stigma Campaigns (ie. Tailgate toolkit)
- Community tables

Municipal Mandates



Local Resources Across the Province

- Regional Harm Reduction Coordinators
- Healthy Communities Teams
- Mental Health & Substance Use Teams
- Community Based Organizations
- People with Lived & Living Experience of Substance Use
- Municipal Staff (ie. Social Planning)

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